

REMARKS

Claims 25-46 were pending as of an Amendment and Response filed August 1, 2006 in response to a previous Office Action of April 10, 2006. Applicants note that there was an error in the previous listing of the claims, as claim 45 was inadvertently numbered twice. Correction has been made to this listing.

In a telephone conversation between the Examiner and Applicants' representative Rachel J. Lin on August 23, 2006, the Examiner indicated that he had made an error in the previous Office Action of April 10, 2006. Specifically, although the earlier Office Action indicated that claim 18 would be allowable if amended to recite the limitations of claim 1, the Examiner meant to indicate that claim 17 would be allowable if so amended.

The Office Action of August 29, 2006 was then mailed correcting this error.

For these reasons, Applicants have herein amended claim 25 to remove subsection (e) requiring a chelator, and to incorporate the limitation of original claim 17. In addition, new claim 47, which corresponds to original claim 18, has been added.

To summarize: claim 25 incorporates the limitations of original claim 1 into original claim 17. Claim 40 (which corresponds to original claim 17) has been canceled without prejudice. Claim 26 has been amended to correct a typographical error in the spelling of the word "dialkyl." No new matter has been added.

Claims 25-39 and 41-47 are currently pending.

I. Information Disclosure Statement

The Office Action of August 29, 2006 required a list of "the 3-5 most pertinent references and their relevance to the presently claimed invention." (Office Action, p. 3).

Further to the telephone discussion on November 27, 2006 between Applicants' attorney and the Examiner's supervisor, Mr. Douglas McGinty, as well as the voicemail confirmation by Examiner Hardee on the same day, Applicants respectfully submit that under MPEP § 2400 does not require such identification, and therefore, respectfully decline to identify such references. Should the Examiner wish

to discuss the matter further, he is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

II. Provisional Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 25, 26, 28, 29, 31-39 and 41-45 have been provisionally rejected under the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting doctrine as purportedly being unpatentable over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,864,223 in view of WO 98/28396.

Claims 25, 26, 28, 29, 31-39 and 41-45 have been provisionally rejected under the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting doctrine as purportedly being unpatentable over claims 10-18 of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/694,196 in view of WO 98/28396.

Claims 25, 26, 28, 29, 39 and 41-45 have been provisionally rejected under the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting doctrine as purportedly being unpatentable over claim 8 of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/914,852 in view of WO 98/28396.

Because these are provisional double-patenting rejections, Applicants respectfully request that they be held in abeyance until the presently pending claims are otherwise found to be allowable. At that time, Applicants will offer to file a terminal disclaimer to obviate the rejections, if appropriate.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 25, 26, 28, 29, 31-39 and 41-45 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly being obvious based on U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/132749 to Smith et al. in view of WO 98/28936.

Claim 25 has herein been amended to include the limitations of claim 40, and claim 40 has accordingly been canceled without prejudice. Because the Office Action has indicated that a claim combining the limitations of claims 25 and 40 would be allowable, and further acknowledges that the references cited do not teach or suggest the compositions recited herein formed as a dryer sheet (Office Action, p. 8), Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are now allowable.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance, early notice of which is

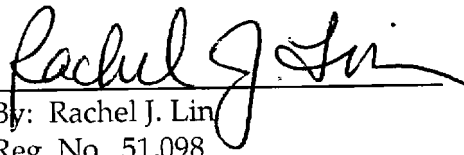
earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

No fees are believed to be due for the filing of this Amendment and Response to Office Action. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees due, and credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-2455.

Respectfully submitted,

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